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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES



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COGSWELL BUILDING

STATE OF MONTANA

HELENA, MONTANA 59620

September 12, 1986

Re: Preliminary Environmental Review  
Dave's Body Shop & Towing

Board of County Commissioners, Courthouse, Libby, 59923  
Fred B. Brown, Mayor, P.O. Box Z, Libby, MT 59923  
Ron Anderson, Sanitarian, 418 Mineral Ave., Libby  
Tom Ellerhoff, Environmental Sciences Division, DHES, Helena, MT  
Environmental Quality Council, Capitol Complex, Helena, MT  
Darlene Staffeldt, State Library, Capitol Complex, Helena, MT  
Dave LeIm, Dave's Body Shop & Towing, 398 Spencer Road, Libby

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana, 16.2.604, the following Preliminary Environmental Review has been prepared by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning Dave LeIm/dba/Dave's Body Shop & Towing in Libby, MT.

The purpose of the Preliminary Environmental Review is to inform all interested governmental agencies, public groups or individuals of the proposed action and to determine whether or not the action may have a significant effect on the human environment. This Preliminary Environmental Review will be circulated for a period of fifteen (15) days at which time a decision will be made as to our future action.

If you care to comment on this proposed action, please do so within the allotted time.

Sincerely,

*Carol Fox*

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Solid and Hazardous Waste Bureau  
Environmental Sciences Division  
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## Potential Impact on Physical Environment

### 2. Water quality, quantity, and distribution

A ditch located approximately 12-15 feet from the facility's west boundary fills with standing water during spring runoff. The standing water typically does not reach the applicants property; therefore, it is highly unlikely that waste motor fluids associated with facility operation will contaminate surface water.

### 4. Vegetation cover, quantity, and quality

The screening of the project and leveling of the storage area will disrupt the existing vegetation cover at the site. This disruption will be temporary and minimal.

### 5. Aesthetics

The Montana Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal Act and Rule require all junk vehicles and wrecking facilities to be screened from public view to reduce the adverse aesthetic impact caused by viewing eyesore vehicles. Public view is any point six feet above the centerline of a public road.

The proposed facility is located approximately ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) miles southeast of Libby on Spencer Road (see attached map). It consists of an area approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre in size located adjacent to an existing body shop (see attached diagram).

The applicant plans to shield the facility with a wooden fence 10 feet high. Shielding regulations require rough dimensional lumber or better and  $7\frac{1}{2}$ " of board between gaps of  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " maximum.

The proposed facility is visible from four public roads: Spencer Road to the south and east; Scott's Stroll to the north; Highway 2 to the west; and Shaunessey Road to the northwest. A 10' fence on the south, east, north sides of the facility will prevent viewing junk vehicles from Spencer and Scott's Stroll. The west fence may need to be higher because Highway 2 is at a higher elevation than the facility. Total shielding from Shaunessey Road will be difficult, if not impossible, because the road rises over a hill much higher than the facility. The aesthetic impact from this viewpoint is minimized by two factors: 1) the facility is approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile away from Shaunessey Road; and 2) it can only be seen for 40 to 50 feet along Shaunessey Road. By the time one is close enough to the site to visualize any junk vehicles, the fencing will be effective screening.

The aesthetic impact of this facility, if properly screened and operated in compliance with state law, should not be significant.



## Potential Impacts on Human Environment

3. Local and state tax base and tax revenue
6. Quantity and distribution of personal income

8. Quantity and distribution of employment

Typically, establishing and licensing a new motor vehicle wrecking facility has a minimum positive impact on the above criteria. Wrecking facilities support other activities and can provide additional income and employment. This applicant, however, already has an established auto repair and towing operation at the proposed location and plans to be operating a wrecking facility secondarily. He plans to use the facility primarily for storage of junk vehicles until they are repaired, claimed, or sold at a Sheriff's auction. Therefore, establishing and licensing this proposed facility should have no impact on the above criteria.

9. Distribution and density of population and housing

Wrecking yards, particularly unshielded ones, are generally viewed as eyesores and considered detrimental to property values. Establishing a wrecking facility at this location may have an adverse impact on future sales of neighboring residences. However, since the facility will be shielded from view of neighboring residences as well as public roads with an attractive wooden fence, this impact is expected to be minor.

10. Demands for Governmental Services

Periodic routine field inspections of motor vehicle wrecking facilities are required by state and county junk vehicle program officials to assure that they are operated and maintained in compliance with the Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal law and rule. A minor amount of administrative effort is required in establishing and maintaining office files on the facility and in routine mailings of information and correspondence.

11. Industrial and commercial activity

The area surrounding the proposed facility is primarily residential. Since this facility is associated with an established business, it should not cause any increased industrial and commercial activity nearby (see also remarks on criteria 3,6,8). Except for large scale operations, salvage industries do not generally influence the growth of adjoining commercial enterprises.

13. Locally adopted environmental plan and goals

The establishment and operation of a motor vehicle wrecking facility at the proposed location does not violate any presently adopted land use ordinances according to a certification on the license application by the Lincoln County Planning Director.

14. Transportation networks and traffic flows

No increased traffic over that already related to the established repair and towing is anticipated.



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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Division/Bureau DHES/S&HWP

Project or Application Dave LeIm/dba/Dave's Body Shop & Towing

Description of Project Establishing a licensed motor vehicle wrecking facility in  
Libby, MT. (see enclosed map)

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Terrestrial & aquatic life and habitats				X		
2. Water quality, quantity and distribution				X		X
3. Geology & soil quality, stability and moisture				X		
4. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality			X			X
5. Aesthetics			X			X
6. Air quality			X			X
7. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
8. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
9. Historical and archaeological sites					X	

# POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Social structures and mores				X		
2. Cultural uniqueness and diversity				X		
3. Local and state tax base & tax revenue				X		X
4. Agricultural or industrial production				X		
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income				X		
7. Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities				X		X
8. Quantity and distribution of employment				X		
9. Distribution and density of population and housing				X		X
10. Demands for government services			X			X
11. Industrial & commercial activity			X			X
12. Demands for energy				X		X
13. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals				X		
14. Transportation networks & traffic flows				X		X
				X		X

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction Lincoln County Environmental Health and Planning Office.

Individuals or groups contributing to this PER. Ron Anderson, Dave Lehm

Recommendation concerning preparation of EIS not necessary

PER Prepared by: Carol Fox

Date: September 5, 1986



MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES  
Environmental Sciences Division  
Solid Waste Management Bureau  
Helena, Montana 59601

MOTOR VEHICLE WRECKING FACILITY

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

Complete this form and return with attachments to: Solid Waste Management Bureau  
Montana Department of Health and  
Environmental Sciences  
Room B-201 Cogswell Building  
Helena, MT 59620

- 1) Name of applicant: David L. Helm
- 2) Name of facility: Dave's Body Shop - Towing
- 3) Address: 398 Spencer Rd - Libby, Mt 59923
- 4) Size and legal description of facility: SEE ATTACHMENT

- 5) If you are not the owner of the premises, give name and address of lessor who holds title to the property and submit a copy of the lease for the property.

Name: N/A

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- 6) Attachments: a) Map of city or county showing proposed location of facility.
- b) Drawing of proposed facility showing especially the type and adequacy of shielding of facility from public view and location of buildings.
- 7) I hereby certify that the site of the planned motor vehicle wrecking facility is in accordance with local government zoning and ordinances (to be signed by appropriate local government official having knowledge of local zoning ordinances).

TITLE: David L. Helm, RS County Santa Ana

OF: Lincoln County  
(city or county)

- 8) Date (year and month) that your facility will begin operation: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: David Helm PHONE: 213-8181

TITLE: Owner DATE: 8-16-86

Solid Waste Management Bureau  
Room B-201, Cogswell Building  
Helena, MT 59620  
Telephone: (406) 444-2821

MOTOR VEHICLE WRECKING FACILITY

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Items 1, 2 & 3 -- Self-explanatory

Item 4 -- Fill in the complete legal description. Attach additional sheets if needed. A description of "7 miles north of town" or "817 Green Street" is not a legal description.

Item 5 -- If you are renting or leasing the property, fill in the information. If you are in the process of buying the land (contract for deed), you may leave the spaces blank.

Items 6 & 7 -- If you are submitting this application to license a currently licensed and properly shielded motor vehicle wrecking facility, you may omit the information required.

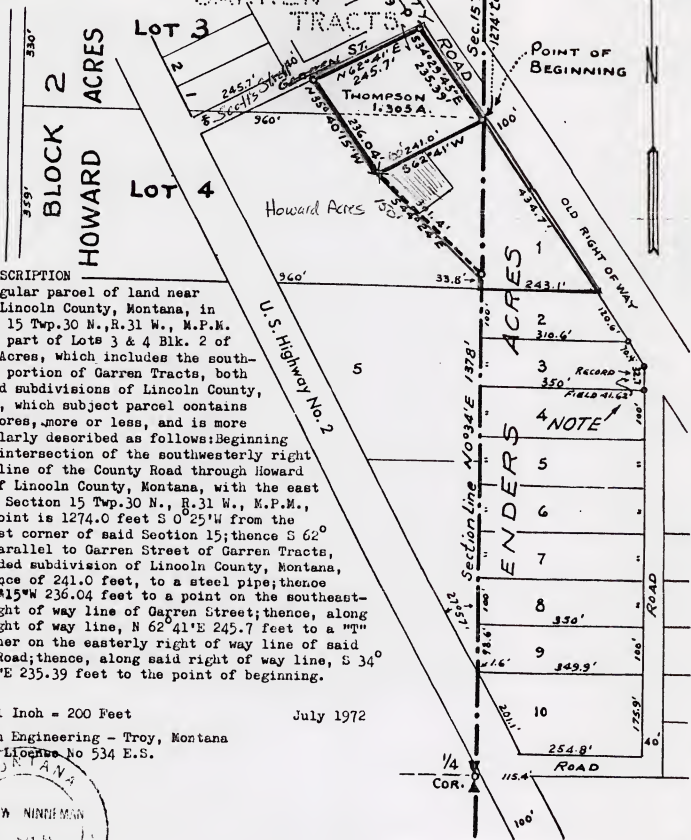
If the site you are applying for license on is not currently licensed, then you must send all information required in Item 6 and obtain the proper signature on Item 7.

Item 8 -- Self-explanatory

The yearly license will be issued after all information has been properly submitted, after the site has been approved and the shielding (if needed) is in place. The annual license fee of \$50.00, to be prorated on a quarterly basis for new facilities, shall be paid to the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences.

Fred Thompson Extension  
In Sec. 15 Twp. 30 N., R. 31 W., M.P.M.  
LINCOLN COUNTY, MONT.

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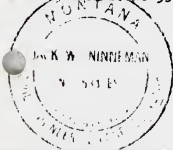
DESCRIPTION

An irregular parcel of land near Libby, Lincoln County, Montana, in Section 15 Twp. 30 N., R. 31 W., M.P.M. being a part of Lots 3 & 4 Blk. 2 of Howard Acres, which includes the southeastern portion of Garren Tracts, both recorded subdivisions of Lincoln County, Montana, which subject parcel contains 305 acres, more or less, and is more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the southwesterly right of way line of the County Road through Howard Acres of Lincoln County, Montana, with the east line of Section 15 Twp. 30 N., R. 31 W., M.P.M., which point is 1274.0 feet S 0° 25' 15" W from the northeast corner of said Section 15; thence S 62° 41' W, parallel to Garren Street of Garren Tracts, a recorded subdivision of Lincoln County, Montana, a distance of 241.0 feet, to a steel pipe; thence N 35° 40' 15" W 236.04 feet to a point on the southeasterly right of way line of Garren Street; thence, along said right of way line, N 62° 41' E 245.7 feet to a "T" bar corner on the easterly right of way line of said County Road; thence, along said right of way line, S 34° 29' 45" E 235.39 feet to the point of beginning.

Scale: 1 Inch = 200 Feet

July 1972

Ninneman Engineering - Troy, Montana  
Montana License No 534 E.S.





Spencer Road

VERTICAL  
PLANED  
LUMBER

Fence  
1" x 8" x 15'  
1 1/2 inch Spacing  
TREATED POSTS

gate

Storage  
Shed

Shop

House

100'

150'

